

USWRA News Bulletin



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Re: 2005 Proposed Rule Changes

2005 Rulebook Proposed Changes

Section 1.3.1 of the IJSBA Competition Rulebook states, "...The purpose of affiliation is to encourage the growth of personal watercraft activities; provide uniform regulations for competition events; promote the safe and responsible usage of personal watercraft; and further the interest of the IJSBA and its affiliates."

Based on section 1.3.1, the USWRA and its promoters as a recognized affiliate of the IJSBA, acknowledge our duty to support the IJSBA 2005 Rulebook for the purpose of uniform regulations for regional racing and preparation for World Finals.

Section 1.3.2 of the IJSBA Competition Rulebook states, "... International IJSBA-affiliate associations may create rules and racing classes that are not included in this rulebook. All supplemental rules and racing classes must be approved by the IJSBA. It is the responsibility of the competitor to obtain this information. Contact the specific affiliate for supplemental rules and classes."

Based on section 1.3.2, the USWRA and its promoters in representing its membership, acknowledge our duty to intercede for its membership on proposed 2005 rule change section 7.6.1 as it refers to aftermarket and modified pumps for the Limited Ski Classes. Regional promoters are the first-line of contact with the racers and therefore have sensitivity to the needs and issues of the racers. Therefore, each USWRA regional promoter will have the authority to choose in a manner appropriate to the local racer interest if rule change 7.6.1 will be adopted for regional racing.

If the regional promoter chooses not to adopt 2005 rule change 7.6.1 for the Limited Ski Class, racers will not be allowed to use aftermarket or modified pumps in the Limited Ski Classes for regional racing with that promoter for 2005. All other 2005 rule changes will be recognized.

It is the recommendation of the USWRA that the regional promoter choose one of the following options:

1. To not adopt 2005 rule change 7.6.1. for the duration of the 2005 regional racing season and therefore not allow aftermarket or modified pumps in the Limited Ski Classes. All other 2005 rule changes apply.

2. To designate for 2005 a number of races, not less than three¹, where 2005 rule change 7.6.1 will not be adopted; and after those designated races have been completed that the rule change will be adopted and remain in affect for the remainder of the 2005 season and beyond. All other 2005 rule changes apply.
3. To adopt the 2005 rule changes in its entirety.

Option 2 allows the rider who chooses not to upgrade the pump to still qualify for World Finals; and it also allows the rider who chooses to upgrade, to race and test the pump setup before attending World Finals.

Please note that the 2005 World Finals will be governed by ALL 2005 rule changes which will include the use of aftermarket and/or modified pumps in the Limited Ski Classes. This does not require a racer to have an aftermarket pump, but rather it allows a racer to use one at World Finals if he/she so chooses.

As stated in section 1.3.2 of the IJSBA Competition Rulebook, "...It is the responsibility of the competitor to obtain this information." Please check with your local promoter whether he/she will or will not be adopting 2005 rule change 7.6.1 for the Limited Ski Class.

Please note that USWRA promoters will adopt all other 2005 rule changes and that it is only 2005 rule change 7.6.1 that is open for promoter choice. This supplemental change has been submitted to and approved by the IJSBA.

If there are further questions, please contact Jim Delzer at jdelzer@uswra.com.

¹ The qualifying criteria for World Finals are to have competed and been scored in at least three races, in the same class, with any promoter; or scored at least 96 points within the class.